

Regular Calumet City Council Meeting  
Calumet City Council Room  
Tuesday August 17, 2021  
2:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro-Tem Zaren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Zaren called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Zaren, Councilmembers Larry Pitts, Dan Strand and John Vaudrin. Mayor Tuorila joined by Zoom at 2:10 p.m. Also present: Clerk April Serich

Motion by Pitts to approve the agenda with the additions of Resolution #21-08-17 allowing the Calumet Community Church to hold a gambling event at the Greenway Snowmobile Club, Grace House donation for services request and Seth Nelson Zoning permit for a 12 x 20 cement slab for a carport at 910 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Tuorila joined by Zoom at 2:10 p.m.

Motion by Pitts to approve the minutes of the July regular meeting with the correction of deleting the line on the roof and plow truck for the recreation board update and compressors instead of heat exchangers, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve the July Clerk & Treasurer Reports & bills, Receipts \$106,482.14, Disbursements \$62,458.65, Investments \$15,986.67 and total checking balance \$355,593.82, seconded by Zaren, all in favor, motion carried.

**Meeting Attendance and Reports:**

Greenway Recreation Bd: Strand reported that baseball is done. Flag football will be when school starts thru Oct. Figure skating will start the end of Sept. They approved a 2022 budget of \$481,500.

Cemetery Bd: Strand reported that they are discussing an increase in the cost of a lot at Lakeview Cemetery. Resident \$450 and non-resident \$1,200-\$1,500

MCWWTP: No report.

WMMPB: No report.

Police Services Report: July 40 hours used, Balance owed to them = 29.5 hours.

**Comments and Requests from the Floor:**

Wendy Chupurdia brought up a complaint about her son's neighbor's dog coming up behind her and growling when she got out of her car at 1023 Gary St. in the alley. Also the dog keeps coming into the yard. Clerk Serich was instructed to send a notice to Foster's about the dog license and leash laws.

**Department Reports:**

Public Works: Bob Hoshal & Bill Berger were not present do to a broken water line on the Hwy 169 project.

**Unfinished Business:**

Utility Update: 14 residents are behind. Shut off notices will be sent next week.

Update on Hazardous Buildings: Discussed the quotes for demolition of the three buildings. Motion by Pitts to approve and accept the lowest quotes by Bougalis, Inc. at \$9,200 per building and \$1,300 per 30 cy container needed, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried. The quotes by SCS were 241 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave \$45,000, 211 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave \$30,000 and 739 7<sup>th</sup> Ave \$28,500. Clerk Serich applied to the IRRB for a \$20,556 grant for the demolition. We are still waiting on the eviction process before we can proceed.

Blight Update: There are several people living at the Jamsa rental at 740 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Clerk Serich will send a letter to the landlord about the rental license and a single family rental and start the process with the attorney if needed.

**New Business:**

Motion by Strand to approve a six month lease from Oct-April to Jim Bailey to rent the garage at 902 Gary St. for \$100 per month. He will need renter's insurance also.

Motion by Tuorila to approve a zoning permit for Darrell Cowan for white picket fence panels along the west side of his property line of 169 ft. at 509 5<sup>th</sup> Ave as long as he does not put it on the easement.

Strand discussed the city ball field needing work this fall. The weeds need to be poisoned then the infield needs to be dragged and smoothed off. Next Spring sand or agri-lyme will need to be hauled in. The fence needs fixing and the dugouts need painting. Volunteers are willing to help also.

Motion by Strand to approve a \$367 donation for services to Itasca County Historical Society, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussed the letter from the county on billboard sites. We do not have any billboards. No action taken.

Discussed the SBA possible buyout of the small tower site for approximately \$200,000. They pay \$1,107.38 per month for the lease. Mayor Tuorila will look into it more when he gets back.

Motion by Pitts to approve and adopt Resolution #21-08-17 a resolution to apply to conduct an off-site gambling event for the Calumet Community Church to hold a Bingo at the Greenway Snowmobile Club in October, seconded by Strand. Upon roll call vote taken, the following voted: For: Councilmembers Pitts, Zaren, Strand and Vaudrin, Mayor Tuorila; Against: none. Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by Tuorila to approve a \$200 donation for services to Grace House, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Zaren to approve a zoning permit for Seth Nelson at 910 9<sup>th</sup> Ave for a 12 x 20 cement slab for a carport, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Update on ARP and TED funds from the county. Clerk Serich will send in the paperwork that is need. Mayor Pro-Tem Zaren needed to leave at 3:10 p.m.

Discussed the large far by Isabella. The Greenway Fire Dept has been requested to send a truck and firemen to help. Council approved.

Next meeting discuss the curb stop updates needed for the TKDA mapping. Also discuss the mini splits for the hall. The library is looking into grants for theirs.

Mayor Pro-Tem Zaren adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, August 17, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

April Serich, City Clerk

John Tuorila, Mayor